

THE 35 GROUPS ON THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNATED FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION LIST

On April 24, 1996, President Bill Clinton signed the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (P.L. 104-132). Section 302 of this act directs the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, to designate any organization that meets certain proscribed criteria as a foreign terrorist organization (FTO). To qualify for this designation, an organization must be a foreign organization and engage in terrorist activities that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security of the United States. On October 8, 1997, the Secretary of State designated 30 international groups as FTOs. Since that time, several groups have been removed from the list while others have been added to it.

* Groups listed in red have a presence in the United States.

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Name / Orientation	Primary Area(s) of Operation	Primary Goal(s)
ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION (ANO) <i>Palestinian nationalist</i>	Middle East, Asia, Europe	Anti-Israel, opposes moderate Arab regimes, seeks independent Palestinian state, rejects Middle East Peace Process
ABU SAYYAF GROUP (ASG) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Philippines	Seeks Iranian-style Islamic state on one of the Philippines' southern islands
AL-AQSA MARTYRS BRIGADE <i>Palestinian nationalist</i>	Middle East	Seeks establishment of independent Palestinian state; rejects Middle East Peace Process
AL-QAEDA* <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Worldwide	Opposes "non-Islamic" regimes, strongly anti-Western, seeks to "reestablish the Muslim State" throughout the Persian Gulf; responsible for U.S. Embassy bombings in East Africa (1998), bombing of the USS Cole (2000), and attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon (2001)
ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP (GIA) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Algeria, France	Anti-foreign, anti-Algerian Government, seeks to establish Islamic state; frequently massacres civilians
ASBAT AL-ANSAR <i>Palestinian nationalist</i>	Middle East	Seeks establishment of independent Palestinian state; rejects Middle East Peace Process
AUM SHINRIKYO (AUM SUPREME TRUTH) <i>Cult</i>	Japan, Russia	Seeks to bring about Apocalypse; responsible for 1995 sarin gas attack on Tokyo subway, resulting in 12 dead and over 5,000 injured
EUZKADI TA ASKATASUNA (ETA) (BASQUE FATHERLAND & LIBERTY) <i>Separatist (Marxist-Leninist)</i>	Spain, France	Anti-Spanish Government, anti-French Government, seeks independent Basque state in northern Spain and southern France
AL-GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA (IG)* (ISLAMIC GROUP) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Egypt	Anti-Egyptian Government, seeks to establish Islamic state; responsible for attack on tourists at Luxor, Egypt (1997)
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES/NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (CPP/NPA) <i>Marxist</i>	Philippines	Seeks to overthrow the government of the Philippines and replace it with a leftist, Marxist-oriented regime
HAMAS <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Israel, Occupied Territories, Jordan	Anti-Israel, seeks to establish Palestinian Islamic state; tactics include large-scale suicide bombings; rejects Middle East Peace Process
HARAKAT UL-MUJAHEDIN (HUM) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Pakistan, Kashmir (northern India), Afghanistan	Anti-Indian; seeks Islamic rule in Kashmir and throughout the world

HIZBALLAH * <i>Islamic (Shi'a) extremist, closely linked to Iranian Government</i>	Lebanon	Seeks to establish Islamic theocracy in Lebanon and to reduce non-Islamic influences in the Middle East; responsible for suicide truck bombings of U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks (1983) and U.S. Embassy Annex in Beirut (1984), among other terrorist acts
ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF UZBEKISTAN (IMU) <i>Coalition of Islamic militants</i>	South Asia, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan	Seeks to overthrow Uzbekistan's secular government and replace it with an Islamic theocracy
JAISH-E-MOHAMMED (JEM) (ARMY OF MOHAMMED) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Peshawar, Muzaffarabad, and Kashmir	Anti-Indian; seeks to unite Kashmir with Pakistan
JEMAAH ISLAMIYA (JI) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Southeast Asia	Seeks to overthrow secular governments in Southeast Asia and create an Islamic state, or "Darul Islam Nusantara," linking Malaysia, Indonesia and the Muslim-dominated southern Philippines.
EGYPTIAN AL-JIHAD (EIJ) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Egypt	Anti-Egyptian Government, seeks to establish Islamic state; original <i>al-Jihad</i> responsible for assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (1981)
KAHANE CHAI * <i>Jewish extremist</i>	Israel, West Bank	Seeks to continue Kach founder's rejectionist agenda, considered more militant than Kach party from which it sprang
KURDISTAN WORKERS' PARTY (PKK) <i>Separatist (Marxist-Leninist)</i>	Turkey, Europe, Middle East, Asia	Anti-Turkish, seeks to establish independent Kurdish state in southeastern Turkey
LASHKAR-E TAYYIBA (LT) (ARMY OF THE RIGHTEOUS) <i>Islamic (Sunni) extremist</i>	Muridke (near Lahore) and Muzaffarabad	Seeks to drive India from the disputed Kashmir region; strongly anti-U.S.
LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE) <i>Separatist insurgent</i>	Sri Lanka	Anti-Sri Lankan Government, seeks to establish independent Tamil state in Sri Lanka
MUJAHEDIN-E-KHALQ ORGANIZATION * (MEK or MKO) <i>Marxist-Islamic, Iranian dissident</i>	Iraq; worldwide operation	Seeks to overthrow Iranian Government, has expressed anti-Western sentiment in the past
NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) <i>Marxist-Leninist</i>	Colombia	Seeks removal of U.S. and other foreign businesses (especially petroleum industry) from Colombia and revolution to establish Marxist-Leninist government
PALESTINE ISLAMIC JIHAD - SHIQAQI FACTION (PIJ) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Middle East	Anti-Israel, rejects Middle East Peace Process, seeks to establish Islamic Palestinian state
PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT - ABU ABBAS FACTION <i>Palestinian nationalist</i>	Middle East, now based in Iraq	Anti-Israel; rejects Middle East Peace Process; seeks to establish independent Palestinian state; responsible for seizure of <i>Achille Lauro</i> cruise ship (1985), during which an American was murdered
POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP) <i>Palestinian nationalist</i>	Israel, Occupied Territories, Syria, Lebanon	Anti-Israel, rejects Middle East Peace Process, seeks to establish independent Palestinian state
POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE - GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC) <i>Palestinian nationalist</i>	Israel, Occupied Territories, Lebanon, Egypt	Anti-Israel, rejects Middle East Peace Process, seeks to establish independent Palestinian state; broke from PFLP in 1968 because PFPL-GC founder believed PFLP too focused on diplomacy, not engaging in enough violence

REAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (RIRA) <i>Dissident Republican splinter group</i>	Northern Ireland, Irish Republic, Great Britain	Seeks the removal of British forces from Northern Ireland and the unification of Ireland; includes many former members of the IRA
REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) <i>Marxist-Leninist</i>	Colombia	Seeks overthrow of current government and ruling class of Colombia
REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION 17 NOVEMBER (17 NOVEMBER) <i>Marxist</i>	Greece	Seeks to replace Greek establishment with Communist system, rid Greece of U.S., EU, and NATO presence, end Turkish military presence on Cyprus; responsible for numerous assassinations, including several U.S. Government officials
REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S LIBERATION PARTY/FRONT (DHKP/C) <i>Marxist</i>	Turkey	Seeks to remove U.S. and NATO presence from Turkey and unite non-ruling classes in revolution to overthrow Turkish Government
REVOLUTIONARY NUCLEI (FORMERLY REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE [ELA]) <i>Extreme leftist</i>	Greece	Anti-Greek Government, seeks removal of U.S. military forces from Greece
UNITED SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF COLOMBIA (AUC) Narco-terrorist, Paramilitary	Antioquia, Cordoba, Sucre, and Bolivar Departments	Generally restricts actions to attacks against insurgent groups
SALAFIST GROUP FOR CALL AND COMBAT (GROUPE SALAFISTE POUR LA PREDICATION ET LE COMBAT) <i>Islamic extremist</i>	Algeria	Anti-foreign, anti-Algerian Government, seeks to establish Islamic state in Algeria
SHINING PATH (SENDERO LUMINOSO) <i>Neo-Maoist</i>	Peru	Anti-Peruvian Government, anti-foreign, seeks peasant revolutionary regime; particularly brutal and indiscriminate